

INDIA POSITION PAPER



\$100,000 AUD COMMITMENT IN 2017

130 OUT OF 188 COUNTRIES HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*

1.26 BILLION (2014) POPULATION*

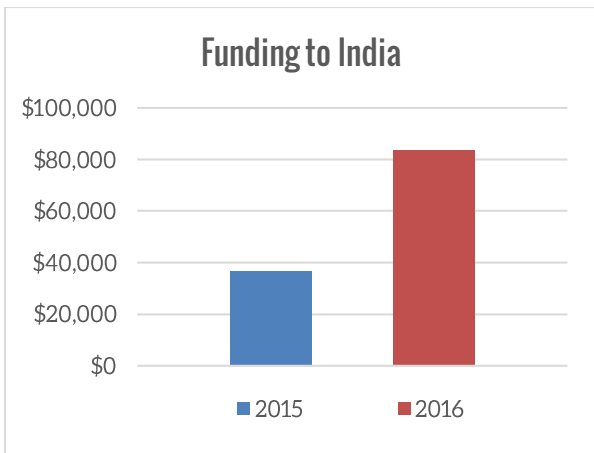
Strategic Directions

Australian Marist Solidarity is committed to improving the lives of Indian children, young people and their families by concentrating our work on two strategic foci:

- Education
- Holistic HIV/AIDS support

Our work is focused on several communities in and around Trichy and surrounding districts in Tamil Nadu State, as well as the rural area of Talit, West Bengal. We seek to open education opportunities to all Indians, including those from tribal minorities and the lower castes, and do so via formal schooling, informal learning and vocational training. Our projects are integrated with local health and education services and are administered by experienced local project coordinators.

Commitment



Program Highlights

- 100 families with children and/or adults living with HIV/AIDS supported with medicine, food and school enrolment
- 836 students mainly from the Dalit lower caste have access to improved sanitation at St Marcellin Higher Secondary School, Mangamanuthu
- 40 children annually are learning basic computer skills
- A new nursery and primary school was opened in Vizhalanmedu in 2015, with 70 students being added each year to new grade levels

Our Vision

A burgeoning youth population in India means that there will continue to be growing demand for equal access to education throughout the country. Australian Marist Solidarity will continue to streamline support to our existing partners as their services respond to the pressing education and health needs of their communities.

* Source: United Nations Development Programme 2015
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